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~~September 1, 1961 - Friday~~

I went to see Lord Home at noon to talk about The British Guiana situation and the SHAPE request to the UK for a greater military contribution before January 1, 1962. I'm to discuss with Iain Macleod next week the former question; then Home will take it up with the Secretary in Washington. As regards the latter, I sent the following telegram:

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Home, as full of good humor/always, said that lately at his house in Scotland they had dressed up Schwarzenberg, the Austrian Ambassador, as an astronaut, unrecognizable in a tin helmet or chamber pot or something of that sort. They had him rigged out so that he looked like a spaceman. A rope fuse was attached to his behind to be ignited at the proper moment. Another one of the guests was dressed up to resemble a Russian spaceman with all sorts of fake Soviet insignia on his chest. Red ribbons were taken from Foreign Office despatch boxes, attached to a plaque and they were in the process of decorating the spaceman when they observed a Daily Express correspondent, nose flattened against the long windows, watching the proceedings.

Nothing has been published on the subject and Home presumed that the reporter must have thought he was witnessing an old Scottish baronial ceremony.

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